

# KNIGHTDALE TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, North Carolina 27545

# April 21, 2010

The Knightdale Town Council met at 7:00 p.m. at Knightdale Town Hall, 950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale, NC.

PRESENT:

Mayor Russell Killen; Mayor Pro Tem Mike Chalk:

Councilors Jeff Eddins, Terry Gleason, Tim Poirier,

and James Roberson.

ABSENT:

No one.

Staff Members Present:

Clyde Holt, Town Attorney; Gary McConkey, Town Manager; Seth Lawless, Assistant Town Manager; Suzanne Yeatts, Town Clerk/HR Director; Chris

Hills, Planning Director; Fred Boone, Town

Engineer; Shawn Brown, Public Safety Director; James Overton, Finance Director; Tracy Pedigo, Public Works Director; Jeff Triezenberg, Planner II;

Jay Chalk, Athletic Supervisor; Brad Johnson,

Planning Technician; Joanna Gombatz, Accounting Operations Manager; Tim Guffey, Fire Chief; Chris Darden, PSO Shift Supervisor; Goley Boggs, Fire

Shift Supervisor; Jennifer Currin, Planner II.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Killen at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME

Welcome by Mayor Killen.

INVOCATION

Invocation by Councilor Poirier.

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

... Motion by Councilor Poirier to adopt the agenda.

# Motion seconded by Councilor Gleason and carried unanimously.

## ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

April 5, 2010

...Motion by Councilor Roberson to approve the minutes of April 5, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilor Eddins and carried unanimously.

## ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS

A. Recognition of Town Manager Gary McConkey Mayor Killen along with members of the Town Council made comments about Town Manager Gary McConkey's accomplishments over the years and thanked him for his service.

Former Mayors in attendance commended Town Manager McConkey for his service including Billy Wilder, Doug Boyd, Jeanne Bonds, and Joe Bryan.

Commissioner Bryan noted that Gary McConkey is the longest serving Manager in Wake County.

Jennifer Bryan thanked Mr. McConkey for his assistance on behalf of the Knightdale Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Killen presented Mr. McConkey with a resolution recognizing his service to the Town.

Mayor Pro Tem Chalk announced that the East Wake Television studio would be named GLM Studio in honor of Mr. McConkey.

Mayor Killen and members of the Town Council presented Mr. McConkey with a canvas painting portraying various town facilities.

Town Manager Gary McConkey thanked his family, Town Council, and staff for their support over the past 19 years.

- B. Planning Departmental Plan Update Planning Director Chris Hills gave an update on the department's goals and objectives and answered questions from Council.
- C. Introduction of Brad Johnson, Planning Technician Newly hired Planning Technician Brad Johnson was introduced by Planning Director Chris Hills.

Mayor Killen presented Mr. Johnson with a town pin and welcomed him to Knightdale.

#### ITEM IV. PUBLIC

Anyone may speak on an issue not included on tonight's agenda. Before speaking, please state your name and address.

A. Open to the Public

No one approached.

B. Report on Citizen Inquiries

None at this time.

#### ITEM V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Street Graphics Policy
Approve the Town Council Street Graphics Policy 117.

B. Budget Amendment – Various Items BA #1010

Adopt Budget Amendment #1010 increasing the general fund budget by \$25,675 and by \$12,175 in the East Wake TV fund to:

- Transfer funds reserved for East Wake TV from General Fund to East Wake TV Fund
- Appropriate drug seizure funds
- Appropriate revenues for adult programs for Parks and Recreation expenses
- · Reclassify various expenses within departments

...Motion by Councilor Poirier to adopt the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Councilor Gleason and carried unanimously.

# ITEM VI. ACTIONS REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARINGS

When speaking during a public hearing, please state your name and address clearly before speaking. Please designate a spokesperson for large groups. If you anticipate speaking tonight, please print your name and address on the form located on the entry table. If the Mayor announces that the hearing is a quasi-judicial public hearing, all speakers must be administered an oath by the Town Attorney. Everyone must

# speak from the podium to assure an accurate record of testimony.

Mingo Village Utility Allocation Agreement

Public hearing opened at 8:00 p.m.

Town Attorney Clyde Holt gave background information and noted that an agreement on the final language has not been reached and asked Council to continue the public hearing until the May 3, 2010 Town Council meeting.

Jason Barron, K&L Gates, 4350 Lassiter at North Hills Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27609, spoke on behalf of the applicant offering to answer any questions.

Tabitha Hagan, 902 Willowedge Court, Knightdale, representing the homeowners association, commented that the applicant has not communicated sufficiently with the association.

...Motion by Councilor Gleason at 8:07 p.m. to continue the public hearing until May 3, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilor Roberson and carried unanimously.

## ITEM VII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

None at this time.

#### ITEM VIII. TOWN ATTORNEY

Town Attorney Clyde Holt noted the need to give an update on the status of the Internet Sweepstakes lawsuit during closed session.

#### ITEM IX. OLD BUSINESS

None at this time.

#### ITEM X. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution of Consideration for Annexation Area RES #10-04-21-001

Planner Jeff Triezenberg presented a resolution of consideration to provide citizens with advance notice that certain areas in proximity to the town may be subject to future annexation.

...Motion by Councilor Roberson to adopt Resolution #10-04-21-001. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chalk and carried unanimously.

B. Waste Industries Contract Extension

Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless reviewed the proposal from Waste Industries to extend the current contract for 3 years reducing the monthly rate by \$.49 per household for garbage and maintaining the current recycling rate. Mr. Lawless noted the proposed extension also includes provisions for an annual increase in rates equal to the Consumer Price Index and a fuel surcharge clause.

- ...Motion by Councilor Poirier to approve the 3 year extension to the Waste Industries contract. Motion seconded by Councilor Gleason and carried unanimously.
- C. Resolution of Support for Fayetteville Street Crossing RES #10-04-21-002

Mayor Killen noted that many residents attended the recent NC DOT workshop in opposition of closing the railroad crossing.

Town Engineer Fred Boone presented a resolution in support of keeping the Fayetteville Street crossing open and noted the resolution would be included with a letter to NC DOT listing the Town's reasons for requesting the crossing to remain open.

...Motion by Councilor Eddins to adopt Resolution #10-04-21-002. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chalk and carried unanimously.

D. Appointment of Town Manager

Mayor Killen announced his desire to appoint Assistant Town Manager Seth Lawless as Town Manager effective May 1, 2010 maintaining his current salary with the addition of \$300 per month for a travel allowance.

...Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Chalk to hire Seth Lawless as the Town Manager effective May 1, 2010. Motion seconded by Councilor Poirier and carried unanimously.

Mr. Lawless thanked Council for the opportunity to serve as the Town Manager.

### ITEM XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Killen confirmed the date for required Ethics training for elected officials as a lunch meeting on May 6, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

### ITEM XII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Planning and Engineering No report.
- B. Budget No report.
- C. Public SafetyNo report.
- D. Nominating No report.
- E. Liaison Reports
  No report.

## ITEM XIII. CLOSED SESSION FOR LEGAL OR PERSONNEL MATTERS

...Motion by Councilor Eddins to enter closed session at 8:25 p.m. for discussion of legal and contract matters. Motion seconded by Councilor Gleason and carried unanimously.

Resumed open session at 8:45 p.m.

## ITEM XIV. ADJOURNMENT

...Motion by Councilor Eddins to adjourn at 8:46 p.m. Motion seconded by Councilor Roberson and carried unanimously.

Mayor Russell B. Killen

Town Clerk Suzande M. Yeatts